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SUBJECT: WEST BANK MILITARY GOVERNOR BESTOWING FAVORS

REF: JERUSALEM 2316

1. ACCORDING TO EAST JERUSALEM DAILY "AL QUDS" SEPT. 12,
WEST BANK MILGOV BEN ELIEZER MET WITH MUSTAFA DUDIN, HEAD
OF NEWLY-CREATED UNION OF VILLAGES OF HEBRON DISTRICT
(SEE REFTEL), AND HIS FOLLOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 11.

2. DUDIN PRESENTED REQUESTS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN
THE VILLAGES SUCH AS WATER, TELEPHONE, ELECTRICITY, AND
ROAD SERVICES. IN ADDITION, HE REQUESTED A REVIEW OF TRAVEL
RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND ASKED FOR
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES OF PRISONERS. BEN ELIEZER PROMISED
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TO STUDY ALL THESE REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. BEN ELIEZER THEN VISITED YATTA, ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF
THE WEST BANK, AND MET WITH THE VILLAGE COUNCIL. HE
APPROVED A CONTRIBUTION OF ONE-HALF THE COST OF MUNICIPAL
WATER AND ELECTRICITY PROJECTS (ABOUT 2.5 MILLION IL) AND
GAVE THE TOWN A CHECK FOR ABOUT 400,000 IL FOR GARBAGE

COLLECTION FUND.

4. COMMENT: THE ISRAELIS ARE CLEARLY ROMANCING THE MUKHTARS AND TRADITIONALISTS ON THE WEST BANK AT THE EXPENSE OF THE POPULARLY-ELECTED MAYORS. CONCEIVABLY, THEY HOPE TO DEVELOP A CADRE OF WEST BANK MUKHTARS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SELF-RULE PLAN. IN ANY EVENT, BY THEIR WARM AND GENEROUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS DUDIN AND THE MUKHTARS THEY HOPE TO SPREAD THE IMPRESSION THAT IT PAYS TO COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THIS TYPE OF ACTION IS AT VARIANCE WITH DEFMIN WEIZMAN'S STATEMENT EARLIER IN SUMMER TO MAYOR OF NABLUS THAT MAYORS ARE THE DULY-ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE.

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